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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty of disclosure toward the Patent Office, the Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references noted on the attached Form PTO-1449. The references were recently cited in a European Search Report mailed November 8, 1999. Enclosed for the Examiner's information are copies of the references and the European Search Report.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application as indicated above, not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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